

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

LAW OFFICERS - Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000 - Appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and the Urban Local Bodies in District Courts and City Courts Subordinate to the High Court situated in the GHMC Area and within the Urban Local Body Areas in the limits of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority - Amendment - Notification - Orders - Issued.

LAW (F(LOs)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 77

Dated: 17-11-2021

Read the Following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.187, Law (L) Department, dated 06.12.2000.
2. G.O.Ms.No.21, Law, dated 17.02.2001.
3. G.O.Rt.No.168, Law, dated 24.01.2007.
4. G.O.Rt.No.798, Law, dated 02.05.2007.
5. G.O.Rt.No.591, Law, dated 06.04.2010
6. G.O.Ms.No.45, Law, dated 01.06.2016.
7. G.O.Rt.No.226, Law, dated 07.04.2017.
8. G.O.Rt.No.227, Law, dated 07.04.2017.
9. G.O.Rt.No.228, Law, dated 07.04.2017.
10. G.O.Rt.No.108, Law, dated 08.02.2020.
11. Municipal Administration & Urban Development
Department File No.5507/GHMC.I/2021, dated 08.10.2021.

O R D E R:

In the circumstances reported by the Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department regarding appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and the Urban Local Bodies in District Courts and City Courts subordinate to the High Court situated in the GHMC Area and within the Urban local body areas in the limits of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority vide their File eleventh read above, the Government in consultation with the Advocate General for the State of Telangana have decided to amend the Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000, in the G.O., first read above.

2. Accordingly, the following Notification will be published in an extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette, dated 17.11.2021:-

NOTIFICATION

In supersession of the Orders issued in G.O.Rt.No.108, Law, dated 08.02.2020, the Government of Telangana hereby issue the following amendments to the Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000 issued in G.O.Ms.No.187, Law (L) Department, dated 06.12.2000, as subsequently amended from time to time:-

A M E N D M E N T

In the Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000,-

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1. In instruction 3,-

(a) for the marginal heading "Appointment of Law Officers.", the marginal heading "Appointment of Law Officers and Standing Counsels." shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-instruction (2), after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

"(i) Nothing in clauses (c) and (d) of this sub-instruction shall apply to the appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the Urban local bodies in District Courts and City Courts subordinate to the High Court situated in the GHMC area and within the urban local body areas in the limits of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the same shall be governed by instruction 3A;

2. After instruction 3, the following new instruction shall be inserted, namely,-

Appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Urban Local bodies in the District Courts and City Courts subordinate to the High Court situated in the GHMC area and within the urban local body areas in the limits of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA).

"3A. (1) The appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Urban local bodies in the Courts / Tribunals situated in the GHMC area and in the limits of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) shall be from out of a panel of three names of Advocates for each post of Standing Counsel, to be recommended by the Commissioner of GHMC / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be, to the Government in consultation with the Advocate General well in advance before the expiry of the term of the incumbent.

Note: The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be, shall, while making a recommendation to the Government furnish the particulars in respect of advocates included in the panel, which shall pertain to a period of three years immediately preceding the year in which the recommendation is made and which shall be in full and complete form and adequate for the purpose of selection; i.e., Qualification, age, social status, standing at the Bar as an Advocate, nature of practice, the number of suits, appeals and the like conducted, the amount of income tax, if any paid, general antecedents, efficiency, reliability, general repute and personality.

(2) No person shall be eligible for appointment as Standing Counsel for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) / Urban Local Bodies in the limits of HMDA unless he has at least ten years standing at the Bar.

(3) On receipt of the panel sent by the Commissioner of the GHMC / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be, under sub-instruction (1), the Government shall consider the same and appoint one Advocate from the panel as Standing Counsel for a term prescribed under instruction 8 or call for a fresh panel. In the event the

Government calls for a fresh panel, the Commissioner Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be, shall submit a fresh panel in the same manner as mentioned above for consideration by the Government.”.

3. In instruction 16,

(a) after sub-instruction (1), the following sub-instruction shall be inserted, namely,-

“(1A) Every Standing Counsel appointed under instruction 3A shall submit a monthly Self-appraisal Report as detailed in sub-instruction (1) to the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be.”;

(b) in sub-instruction (2), for the words “Government” and “Law Officer” the words “Government or State Public Undertaking or a Local Authority or a University or a Charitable and Hindu religious institution and Endowment or any other instrumentality of the Government” and “Law Officer / Standing Counsel” shall respectively be substituted.

4. In instruction 17,

(a) after sub-instruction (2), the following sub-instruction shall be inserted, namely,-

“(2A) The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) / Municipal Commissioner of the urban local body within the limits of HMDA as the case may be, shall review the performance of the Standing Counsels once in two months and send his report to the Law Department through the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department for necessary action.”;

(b) in sub-instruction (3), after the words “Law Officer”, the words “and Standing Counsel” shall be inserted.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHOSH REDDY,
Secretary to Government,
Legal Affairs, Legislative Affairs and Justice.

To
The Commissioner,
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC),
Hyderabad.
The Advocate General, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Additional Advocate General, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department,
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner and Director, Municipal Administration, Telangana,
Hyderabad.

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The Registrar General, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the HMDA limits.
All the District & Session Judges Courts in the HMDA limits.
The Registrar, Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission,
Hyderabad.
The State Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Director of Printing and Stationery, Hyderabad for Publication in the
Telangana Gazette.
All the Standing Counsels for GHMC in the District Courts and City Courts
Subordinate to the High Court in the HMDA limits.
All Departments of Secretariat.
All Secretaries to Government.
The Accountant General, Telangana, Hyderabad.
All the Municipal Commissioners within the limits of HMDA.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Telangana, Hyderabad.
All District Treasury Officers.
The P.S to Law Minister.
The P.S to Municipal Minister.
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